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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hiroyuki NAITOU, et al.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING CATALYST FOR METHACRYLIC ACID PRODUCTION, CATALYST FOR METHACRYLIC ACID PRODUCTION, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING METHACRYLIC ACID

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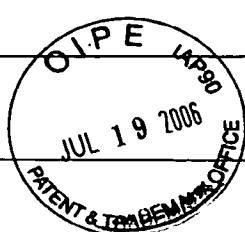
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